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SUBJ: KHMER REPRESENTATION AT UNGA

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1. FOR REASONS OF WHICH DEPT AWARE (BA 8637 NOTAL) I MADE PRIVATE CALL NOV 27 ON AMB DE LA PLAZA, SPECIAL ADVISOR TO FONMIN VIGNES, TO URGE RECONSIDERATION OF GOA DECISION TO ABSTAIN ON GRUNK REPRESENTATION ITEM. I SAID WE WERE AWARE OF VIGNES' CONVERSATION AT ALGIERS WITH SIHANOUK AND OF GOA DESIRE NOT TO ALIENATE NON-ALIGNED STATES ON THIS ISSUE. I REVIEWED ARGUMENTS WE HAD PRESENTED EARLIER AT TECHNICAL LEVEL IN FONOFF PLUS THOSE CONTAINED PARA 3 RETEL A, CONCLUDING THAT WE HOPED FONMIN WOULD TAKE ANOTHER HARD LOOK AT ISSUE BEFORE VOTING BEGINS.

2. DE LA PLAZA SAID HE WOULD SPEAK TO FONMIN AND THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT LATTER WOULD GIVE OUR CASE CAREFUL STUDY. DE LA PLAZA SAID HE TOO WOULD EXAMINE THE ISSUE TO SEE IF FONOFF COULD FIND A WAY TO ACCOMMODATE USG IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO QUESTION AND THE NARROWNESS OF THE VOTE SPREAD ON THE ISSUE.

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3. JAPANESE MINISTER UCHIDA HAS ALSO MADE DEMARCHE ON SUBJECT TO FONOFF AT LEVEL OF ACTING DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. HE HAS INFORMED US THAT HE WAS TOLD THAT GOA WOULD ABSTAIN FOR SAME REASONS SET FORTH IN BA 8149 AND BA 8500 AND THAT EVEN IF HE CHOSE TO RAISE HIS REPRESENTATIONS TO A HIGHER LEVEL IT WAS MOST UNLIKELY THIS POSITION WOULD BE CHANGED. UCHIDA INDICATED TO US THAT HIS GOVERNMENT SHARES OUR ESTIMATE THAT GRUNK SUPPORTERS HAVE NARROW LEAD BUT HE RECEIVED IMPRESSION THAT FONOFF HERE BELIEVES GRUNK SUPPORTERS MAY WITHDRAW RESOLUTION PRIOR TO VOTE.

4. COMMENT: IT WOULD BE ILLUSORY TO HOLD OUT MUCH HOPE THAT GOA WILL SHIFT FROM ITS PRESENT POSITION OF ABSTENTION. NOT ONLY IS GOA COURTING NON-ALIGNED SUPPORT ON NATURAL RESOURCES RESOLUTION AND FALKLAND ISLANDS DISPUTE WITH UK (NOT TO MENTION OTHER MATTERS, SUCH AS ITS PETROLEUM IMPORT REQUIREMENTS), BUT IT WILL ALSO INEVITABLY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT FACT THAT US ABSTAINED ON NATURAL RESOURCES ISSUE AFTER PERSONAL APPEAL BY VIGNES, AND THAT WE WILL PROBABLY DO SAME ON FALKLAND ISLANDS MATTER.
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